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The United States Intelligence Board was established under directives of the National Security Council to advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence in establishing intelligence policy and program guidance including objectives, requirements and priorities; and reporting to the National Security Council on the foreign intelligence effort. The Board meets two or three times a month.

The Board also assists the DCI in making recommendations on foreign intelligence matters to appropriate United States officials, developing and reviewing security standards and practices relating to intelligence, and formulating policies with respect to arrangements with foreign governments on intelligence matters.

A principal USIB function is to support the DCI in producing national intelligence required for the formulation of national security policy, indicating concurrence or any substantial dissent therein. This may take the form of strategic estimates (e. g. on the probable course of Sino-Soviet relations), of basic encyclopedic descriptions (terrain, religion, labor force, harbors, military organization, etc.) or of current intelligence assessments.

There are fourteen standing committees of the USIB comprising representatives of the agencies and departments participating in the Board. These committees deal with specialized fields and report to the Board in such matters as economic intelligence, scientific intelligence, photo-analysis, security and the collection, processing and dissemination of intelligence. Of special interest is the Watch Committee which assesses current developments with a special eye on possible indications of an early outbreak of hostilities. The Board of National Estimates is generally considered within the USIB structure and is comprised of most senior analysts in all major fields who prepare periodic and special national intelligence reports.

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4. (Confidential - JMM) Last night, [redacted] of Staff, John Parker, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Mr. Cary and I had dinner at my home with Representative Robert Steele (R., Conn.) and discussed the Agency's role in the problem of dangerous drugs entering the U.S. and being obtained by U.S. servicemen abroad. Mr. Steele appeared reassured to learn of the substantial work being done by the Agency on this problem.

5. (Confidential - JMM) David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say he understands the Senate now plans to go into executive session Monday, 7 June, to discuss the Morse-Loewenstein report on Laos, and Abshire wondered whether we would want to participate in briefing Senators Hugh Scott and Robert Griffin whom State had selected to try to keep the discussions in the executive session on the tracks. I said we had planned to brief Senator Stennis and possibly Senator Jackson regarding our part of the problem, and Abshire and I agreed that State would brief Scott and Griffin to handle policy questions.

I later discussed Monday's executive session of the Senate with Harry Symmes, Abshire's deputy, telling him that we planned to provide Senator Stennis with statistics on the number of Senate briefings we had given, and the number of senators who had been briefed, on the Agency role in Laos. I suggested that Symmes might want to dig out the figures on the number of briefings they had given the Foreign Relations Committee regarding the U.S. role in Laos and provide them to Senators Scott and Griffin. Symmes thought this a good idea and said he would see what statistics were available.

6. (Unclassified - JMM) At the Director's instruction I made an appointment for him to see Senator Stennis regarding the upcoming Senate debate on Laos for 10:30 a.m., Friday, 4 June 1971.

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7. (Unclassified - JMD) At the request of Marilyn Graham, in the office of Senator Carl T. Curtis, I arranged a personnel interview appointment for Mr. [redacted] with Mr. [redacted] on Monday, 7 June at 10:00 a.m.

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